Study on enforcement system on adulteration

711. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in India, adulteration of petrol and diesel is rampant largely because of easy availability at cheaper rate of kerosene and some solvents from petrochemical units;

(b) whether a joint team of senior officials was sent to Australia and Malaysia to study the enforcement system, which the oil companies in those countries had adopted to prevent the adulteration of petrol and diesel;

(c) if so, what are their findings; and

(d) by when these are likely to be given shape?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Team during its visit observed that adulterants are being marked in Australia to prevent adulteration of petrol and diesel.

(d) No decision has been taken.

Research on Bio-Diesel

712. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to spend about Rs. 17.500 crores in the Tenth Five Year Plan on bio-diesel;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed investment, year-wise;

(c) whether the Planning Commission has recommended for setting up of a Commission for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?